

In the Claims:

1. A system for packaging applications that operate on at least one operating system, the system comprising:

at least one predetermined parameter corresponding to at least one element used by native utilities on the at least one operating system; and

a process for accessing the native utilities for the at least one operating system based on the at least one predetermined parameter.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one parameter identifies the location of the application prior to the application being packaged.
3. The system of claim 2 further comprising, a second parameter identifying where the application is to be placed after it has been packaged.
4. The system of claim 3 further comprising, a third parameter identifying a name for the application.
5. The system of claim 5, further comprising a fourth parameter identifying an identifier used by an installation utility in order to identify the application for use by the installation utility.

6. The system of claim 6 further comprising a fifth parameter specifying an identifier unique to the at least one operating system.
7. The system of claim 6 further comprising a sixth parameter identifying the particular version of the application that is to be packaged.
8. The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one parameter is imputed to the process by a command line.
9. The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one parameter is imputed to the process by a graphical user interface.
10. The system of claim 1 further comprising:
a plurality of computers connected to each other by a network, wherein the process resides on at least one of the computers and said process establishes a communication with a second process residing on another one of the at least one of the computers to enable the first process to be used to allow the second process to create a software package utilizing the operating system native to the computer containing the second process.
11. A method for building software that operates on at least one operating system comprising the steps of:

determining the operating system on which the software will operate;

providing the location of the files and directories in a server which comprise the software;

providing a location on the sever wherein the location is the place in which the files and directories will be placed, and

wherein in response to steps (a), (b) and (c) utilizing a predetermined set of programs unique to the operating system in order to create a software package capable of being installed on installation media.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the steps of:

providing to the predetermined set of programs, a first identifier of the software.

13. The method of step 12, further comprising the step of:

providing to the predetermined set of programs, a second identifier of the software.

14. The method of step 14, further comprising the step of:

providing an installation program within the predetermined set of programs, the components of the software.

15. The method of step 14, further comprising the step of:

providing a third identifier unique to at least of the operating systems.